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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including Monday, June 7, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004 in the above-identified application (the June 6, 2004 due date for response having fallen on a Sunday). The extension fee in the amount of \$110 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004 in the above matter, please consider the following amendment and response to the outstanding restriction requirement.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-32 are pending herein. Claim 7 is amended above to correct a claim dependency.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are requested under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

For the enzyme species, Applicant hereby elects enzymes that generate NO from arginine. It is believed that claims 1, 11-25 and 27 are readable upon this species.

For the medical device, Applicant hereby elects a stent. Claims 1-31 are readable upon this species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

FEES

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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